

Stand Up & Speak Out: Empathy & Connection Through the Arts

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday, October 28, 2020
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Moderator
Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Executive Director

Panelists:

- Eileen Melody
Public School Counselor
- Jill Neel
Composer/Producer Writer
- Robin Fox
Social-Emotional Learning Educator
- Denise Drummond
Legislative Policy CWCSEO Staff
- Melvette Hill
State Director PLTI
- Dr. Salvatore Menzo
Superintendent Wallingford Schools

Join our livestream on Facebook on 10/28 @ 4:30 PM at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

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Re-Imagine Democracy: Towards Perfecting the Union.

re-mag-i-ne DEMOCRACY Series

Wednesday, October 21, 2020
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Moderator
Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Executive Director

Panelists:

- Hon. Thomas Klarides
Minority Leader Connecticut General Assembly
- Hon. Gary Winfield
State Senator Connecticut General Assembly
- David Adams
Senior Dir. of Strategy The Urban Assembly
- Elisa Zimmetman
Regional Administrator U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services
- John Bridgeland
Founder & CEO of Civic
A Social Enterprise firm in Washington, D.C. and former director of the White House Domestic Policy Council

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Hispanic Leadership Matters: A Legacy of Service

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Reflecting on Hispanic Americans' service and contributions to the history of our State and Nation during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Panelists:

- Angel Quiros
DOC Commissioner
- Roberto Rosado
Meriden's Chief of Police
- Luiz Casanova
Capital Chief of Police
- Lesbia Nieves
AIRC Colonel
- Raul Ortiz
New Britain's Fire Chief
- Maggie A. Silver
UConn Deputy Chief
- Edwin Vargas, Jr.
State Representative Guest of Honor
- Hilda Nieves
CWCSEO Commissioner Guest of Honor
- Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Exec. Dir. Moderator

Join our livestream on Facebook on Thursday October 15th @ 4:30 PM at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

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Environmental Justice and the Latino Community: Why It Matters to Us

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Panelists:

- Alex Rodriguez, Community Organizer
- Mark A. Mitchell, Professor
- Leticia Colon, Business Entrepreneur
- Marianne Engelman Lado, Professor of Law
- Hon. Geraldo Reyes, Jr.
State Representative Guest of Honor
- Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Exec. Dir. Moderator

Join our livestream on Facebook Friday, October 9th @ 4:30 PM at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Raise Your Voice Campaign:
Youth Experiences during COVID-19

Thursday, October 1, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

For more information, please contact Emilio Estrella at Emilio.Estrella@cwseo.org

Join our livestream on Facebook on 10/1 @ 5:00 PM at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

Panelists:

- Hon. Robert Sanchez, State Representative
- Steven Hernández, CWCSEO Exec. Dir.
- Emilio Estrella, CWCSEO Legal Fellow
- Jennifer Urbano
- Jaxon Michell
- Busso Jagne
- Elisa Estrella
- Stylz Mitchell
- Valerie Eaton

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

The Power of "¡Sí!": Hispanic Leadership, Community Service, & Civic Engagement During a Pandemic.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 4:30 PM

To join us for this live event, please visit our site at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

Panelists:

- Jason Rojas, State Representative
- Danny Vargas, Businessman
- Charles Venator, Political Scientist
- Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State
- Wildalís Bermúdez, City Councilwoman
- Isaias Diaz, Attorney
- Gladys Rivera, Community Leader
- Steven Hernández, CWCSEO Exec. Director

Moderator:

- Emilio Estrella

Small Business Matters Series:

AAPI Business Forum
Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders

Friday, August 21, 2020 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Join our livestream on Facebook 8/21/2020 @ 4:00 PM at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

Panelists:

- Susan Chen, DECD Business Development Manager
- John Xu, SBA Trade Officer/Lender Relations Specialist
- Mel Muir (Hon.) McCormick
- Steven Hernández

Moderator:

- Emilio Estrella

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Women Erased: When They Lead and When They Suffer.

Friday, August 21, 2020 @ 1:00 PM

Join our Livestream on Facebook on 8/21 @ 1:00 PM at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO

Panelists:

- Dr. Mayra Alder
- Joe W. Brown
- Debra Greenwood
- Mel Muir (Hon.) McCormick
- Melissa Marshall
- Robin P. McFarlane
- Brittany Tanczy
- Teresa Younger

This discussion will focus on the often erased or forgotten women, including women of color, trans women and women with disabilities who have faced interpersonal or official abuse and violence, and the unsung women that have led the charge for transparency, validation, accountability and reform.

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CWCSEO
Connecticut General Assembly

COMMITTEE ON
Housing, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity
END HOMELESSNESS

State Rep. Jeff Curry
Deputy Majority Leader

Hon. Raghib Allie-Sherman
State Representative

Save the date

There's No Place Like Home

Save the date

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has proposed changes to the Equal Access Rule that drastically undermine protections for transgender and gender non-conforming people served by HUD programs. These changes would remove provisions in the Equal Access Rule that ensure that transgender and non-binary people have equal access to shelter accommodations based on their gender identity and do not face invasive and discriminatory questions or requirements when entering a program. On **August 20** from **3:30 PM to 5**, CCEH, the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity, and the LGBTQ+ Health and Human Services Network will be hosting a Facebook live conversation about the importance of safe shelter and fair housing for the LGBTQ+ community.

As part of the event, we would like to share the stories of people directly impacted by HUD's proposed changes to the Equal Access Rule. If you identify as transgender or LGBTQ+ and have experienced housing discrimination as a result OR if you are a provider who is worried about what this legislation will mean for you or your clients, please send a short (1-2 minute) smartphone video no later August 6th to info@cwcseo.org.

Save the date

CALL TO ACTION

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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

The Commission on
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CWCSEO

Tuesday, August 18, 2020
4:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.

Keynote Speaker **Richard Rothstein**, Distinguished Fellow of the Economic Policy Institute

Moderator
Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Executive Director

Join us for a distinguished keynote and panel discussion called **"Are Laws Our Monuments?/Our Laws Are Monuments: Undertaking the Steady Reimagining of Our Democracy."**

This is the first of our **Reimagine Democracy Series**, that will explore the dynamic relationship between law, policy, and racial and structural inequality.

Deliberative Panel: John C. Brittain, Professor Emeritus UConn School of Law; Sara Brown, UConn Law School; Rhonda Calwell, Hamilton Action Now Founder; Anika Singh-Lemay, Professor of Law at Yale Law School; & Jamie Woods, William Graustein Caspar Memorial Fund.

Legislative Leaders & Guests of Honor will also be in attendance.

For more information, please email us at: cwcseo@cga.ct.gov

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NATIONAL PARENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

COUNT ALL KIDS CONNECTICUT

SPEER

United States Census 2020

The Commission on
Children, Women, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity
CWCSEO

Census Roundtable: Equity & Impact through Parent-Led Outreach Strategies

Thursday, July 30th, 2020 at 5:00 PM

For more information, please email us at: Melvette.Hill@cga.ct.gov

 <small>Donna Thompson-Bennett Exec. Dir. National Parent Leadership Institute</small>	 <small>Regan Allan Programs Coordinator Stanford Public Education Foundation</small>	 <small>Edith Targonski Census Coordinator City of Stamford</small>	 <small>Janine McMahon CT 20en Parent Consultant</small>	 <small>Merrill Gay Count All Kids CT Early Childhood Alliance</small>	 <small>Melvette Hill State Director Parent Leadership Training Institute</small>
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TIP
TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS COUNCIL

The Commission on
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CWCSEO
Connecticut General Assembly

Task Force Co-Chairs

Connecticut General Assembly TIP Council's Massage Parlor Legislative Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, July 28th, 2020 at 2:00 P.M.

For more information, please email us at: Melvette.Hill@cga.ct.gov

 <small>Robert Belser Strategic Director Sex Trafficking</small>	 <small>Annmarie Boulay CEO The Underground NE</small>	 <small>Courtney Desilet Investigator East Hartford Police</small>	 <small>Elizabeth Johnson Campus Director Cortiva Institute</small>	 <small>Ron Perry Human Trafficking Consultant</small>
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TIP= CT Trafficking in Persons Council

To interact with the council and to watch this event live, visit us at: www.facebook.com/CWCSEO



Rising to the Challenge: Lessons Learned, Applied, & a Continuity of Services Strategy for Connecticut.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020 @ 5:30 PM



Amy Porter
Dept. of Aging & Disability
Services Commissioner



Vennessa L. Dorantes
Dept. of Children & Families
Commissioner



Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon
D.M.H.A.S. Commissioner



Thomas J. Saadi, Esq.
Veteran Affairs Commissioner



Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Executive Director
EVENT MODERATOR

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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

An Equitable Return to Learn: Making Safety the Bottom Line for All Children

Monday, July 20, 2020 @ 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Executive
Director
Co-Moderator



Rakya Porter
Vice Representative
Co-Moderator



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VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Small Business Matters: "El Negocio del Éxito" (The Business of Success): Unboxing Issues Impacting Small Latina/o Businesses During Recovery.

Monday, July 6, 2020 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM



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2020 VISION FOR CT YOUTH

A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR PARENTS and YOUTH

MONDAY
JUNE 29, 2020
4:00pm – 5:30pm

Presented By



In Collaboration With

The Parent and Community Expertise Workgroup (PCEW) of The Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee (JJPOC)



#2020YouthVision

Register to join via Zoom
<http://AFCAMP-JJPOC-PCEW-2020-Forum.Eventbrite.com>
OR connect via Facebook Live @AFCAMPadvocacy4kids

Faith in Our Community:
The Role of Faith Centers in Engaging Community During Emergency, Recovery, & Beyond.

Thursday, June 11, 2020
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM



Hosted by Steven Hernandez,
CWCSEO Executive Director



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Evan Hayes is
Chair of Equity & Opportunity



Dr. Shyamala Raman,
CCU Board Member



Scott Borjas,
CCU Board Member



Jonathan Harris,
CCU Co-Chair

Invited participants include:

Dr. Terry Schmitt, CCU Exec. Dir.; Dr. Joel Lahr, CCU Board Member; Dr. Vivian Carlson, CCU Co-Chair; Elle Findly, CCU B.M.; Sukdeep Chandra, CCU B.M.; Neesh Shah, CCU B.M.; Barbara Lederer, CCU Co-Chair; Javie Thomas, CCU B.M.; Dr. Shyamala Raman, CCU B.M.; and Fr. Michael Dolan, Dir. for Interreligious Affairs for the Archdiocese of Hartford, CCU B.M.



Baha'i



Buddhism



Christianity



Hinduism



Islam



Judaism



Sikhism



Unitarian
Universalism

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Hosted by Steven Hernandez,
CWCSEO Executive Director

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

An Intimate Conversation with Connecticut Black Leaders about: "Justice, Access, & Opportunity."

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @ 5:30 PM



Panelists include:

Chief Justice Richard A. Robinson

State Senator Gary Winfield

Hon. Pat Miller, State Representative

Hon. Robyn Porter, State Representative



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Access To Your Health Webinar

Join us for a discussion about **health insurance** including topics like:

- What are my health insurance options?
- Do I qualify for financial help?
- How can Access Health CT help me?

Register Here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_q1-suWpESSqKba3F1NAI3Q

Email Your Questions About Access Health CT at CWCSEO@cga.ct.gov

June 3rd @ 10am

June 10th @ 12n (Spanish)

June 17th @ 10am

Attendees will receive an **AHCT Toolkit** to help spread the word!

Access Health CT is a place where individuals and small businesses can shop, compare & enroll in quality healthcare plans from brand-name insurance companies. And it's the only place where you could qualify for financial help, to lower your costs.

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Our Story is Our Strength: The Power of Truth-Telling in Confronting Trauma, COVID and Beyond



The Honorable Gary Winfield
State Senator



The Honorable Robyn Porter
State Rep.



Steven Hernández
CWCSEO Exec. Dir.



Nwabe Ugochukwu
Executive Project Director



Mayra Alcaraz, Ph.D.
Adolescent & Child Clinical Psychologist



Anne Corcoran, Ph.D.
CEO of Clifford Beers Clinic



Deni Jaramana, Ed.D.
Assistant Dir., Info. Coordinator
Emotional Intelligence

Zoom/Facebook Live Conversation
Friday, May 15, 2020 ~ 5:30 PM



To join us: <https://www.facebook.com/commission.equity.opportunity>



Friday, May 15 at
11:00 AM



The Commission on Women, Children, Senior, Youth & Opportunity
Connecticut General Assembly

Brandon Dufour
CEO, The Next Street

Steven Hernández,
CWCSEO Exec. Dir.

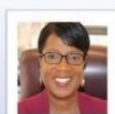
The Hon. Stephanie Cummings
State Representative

The Hon. Cathy Abercrombie
State Representative

Small Business Matters: Driving Innovation on the Spectrum

CWCSEO's series, Small Business Matters, will focus on a CT business innovating to provide a vital service and life skill to people on the autism spectrum. The conversation will feature The Next Street and its owner Brandon Dufour, David J. Rotatori, President of Ion Bank, along with self-advocates and local leaders in the public and private sector who came together to make this possible.

To join us: <https://www.facebook.com/commission.equity.opportunity>



Dr. Delphine Rittmon,
DMHAS Commissioner



The Hon. Bob Duff
CT Senate Majority Leader



Steven Hernández,
CWCSEO Exec. Dir.



Ginger Katz
Founder and CEO
of the Courage to Speak Foundation



Thursday, May 14, 2020
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Courage to Speak – Courageous Parenting 101

"Protecting Youth Through the Opioid Crisis and Beyond"

A Zoom Parent Training and Follow-Up Discussion: Online Parent Training Module Event

To join us: <https://www.facebook.com/commission.equity.opportunity>



Small Business Matters Tele-Townhall
Series Essential Practices: Serving CT
Safety & Sustainably. The Example of
Barbershops & Hair Salons

Let's talk about how to
safely re-open
barbershops and hair
salons in Connecticut.



Steven Hernández



Karina Holness
Hair's Kay Beauty Salon



State Representative Robyn Porter

Friday, May 8, 2020 1:00PM to 3:00 PM

Moderated by Steven Hernández, CWCSEO with special guests
that include barbers/hair salon owners along with legislators and
State Representative Robyn Porter, 94th Dist. Hamden, New Haven

To join this event:
<https://www.facebook.com/commission.equity.opportunity>



The Stage is Set: The Imperative of Leadership Now

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 starting at 5:30 PM

Join us for a live conversation about leadership during a global pandemic co-hosted by State Senator Gary Winfield and Steven Hernández, Exec. Dir. of the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity.

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